

WASHINGTON COUNTY REPORTS FIRST DEATH RELATED TO COVID-19**For Immediate Release**

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Sadly, a man in his 50s from Washington County has died from complications related to COVID-19. This is the first reported death related to COVID-19 in Washington County. The man, a Waukesha County employee, had underlying health conditions. The Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department is diligently working to ensure the patient's close contacts are monitored for symptoms and quarantined to avoid the spread of the virus.

“The health department sends our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. This is precisely why we are asking people to practice social distancing and to stay at home. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough or tightness in your chest, please stay home and call your health care provider. We do not want other families to lose loved ones,” Kirsten Johnson, Health Officer of the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department.

As of this morning, Washington County has 37 positive cases of COVID-19 and Ozaukee County has 40. There were an additional two deaths in Ozaukee County over the weekend. The health department keeps a dashboard of cases and deaths at www.washozwi.gov, updated once daily.

As COVID-19 continues to spread throughout Wisconsin, the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department urges everyone to take the CDC’s recommendations to practice social distancing seriously and heed Governor Evers’ Safer at Home Order. For more information to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit www.coronavirus.gov.

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